

Amendments to the Claims

1 Claim 1 (currently amended): An e-mail system, comprising:

2 an e-mail transmitter having a recipient address list comprising a plurality of recipient
3 addresses; [[and]]

4 a terminal connected to said e-mail transmitter through a network for editing a reference
5 list including one or more recipient addresses to be updated among said plurality of recipient
6 addresses[.]] on said recipient address list; and

7 a centralized server for performing said update of said one or more recipient addresses on
8 said recipient address list by referencing said edited reference list, after said centralized server
9 obtains said recipient address list and said edited reference list, and for providing said updated
10 recipient address list to said e-mail transmitter, thereby enabling said e-mail transmitter to
11 subsequently use said updated recipient address list for transmitting at least one e-mail message
12 to said recipient addresses on said updated recipient address list.

13 — said e-mail system includes an update function for updating said recipient addresses by
14 referencing said reference list edited by said terminal.

Claim 2 (canceled)

1 Claim 3 (currently amended): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, further comprising a
2 wherein said centralized server for performing performs said update function based on a
3 responsive to a recipient address list update request sent to said centralized server from said e-
4 mail transmitter.

1 Claim 4 (currently amended): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one new recipient address to replace at least one of said plurality of recipient
3 addresses on said recipient address list held by said e-mail transmitter.

1 Claim 5 (currently amended): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one recipient address to be deleted from among said plurality of recipient
3 addresses on said recipient address list held by said e-mail transmitter.

1 Claim 6 (currently amended): The e-mail system according to Claim 1, wherein said reference
2 list contains at least one recipient address to be added to said plurality of recipient addresses on
3 said recipient address list held by said e-mail transmitter.

1 Claim 7 (currently amended): A method of updating [[an]] a recipient address list including
2 comprising a plurality of addresses to which information is sent, comprising [[the]] steps of:
3 obtaining at a centralized server a difference list consisting of differences between a first
4 recipient address list before an update and a second recipient address list after the update; [[and]]
5 updating said first recipient address list, at the centralized server, by referencing said
6 difference list, thereby creating said second recipient address list; and
7 providing, by the centralized server, said second recipient address list to one or more
8 information senders that were using said first recipient address list before said update, thereby
9 enabling said one or more information senders to automatically use said second recipient address
10 list for sending information to said addresses on said second recipient address list.

1 Claim 8 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 wherein said update updating of said first recipient address list is performed by referencing said
3 difference list on a regular basis.

1 Claim 9 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 wherein said update updating of said first recipient address list is performed in response to an
3 indication of [[the]] generation of said difference list.

1 Claim 10 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 wherein said difference list includes at least one of (i) at least one address to be replaced in
3 replace, (ii) at least one address to be deleted from, and (iii) at least one address to be added to,
4 the plurality of addresses contained in said first recipient address list; and said step of updating
5 said first recipient address list comprises at least one of (i) [[the]] replacement of the at least one
6 address to be replaced, (ii) [[the]] deletion of the at least one address to be deleted, and (iii)
7 [[the]] addition of the at least one address to be added.

1 Claim 11 (currently amended): The recipient address list updating method according to Claim 7,
2 wherein further comprising the step of editing said difference list is edited, and wherein said step
3 of updating said first recipient address list is updated further comprises updating said first
4 recipient address list by referencing said edited difference list.

1 Claim 12 (currently amended): A computer apparatus for updating a recipient address list
2 containing a plurality of recipient addresses to which given information is sent, comprising:
3 a reference list storage for storing a reference list comprising at least one of (i) one or
4 more recipient addresses to be replaced in a recipient address list and different recipient
5 addresses to be used therefor, (ii) one or more recipient addresses to be deleted from said
6 recipient address list, and (iii) one or more new recipient addresses to be added to said recipient
7 address list; and
8 a centralized server, comprising:
9 a replacement module for replacing, in said recipient address list by referencing
10 said stored reference list, each of said one or more [[a]] recipient address addresses to be replaced
11 which are contained in said recipient address list with [[a]] said different recipient address
12 addresses to be used therefor;
13 a deletion module for deleting, from said recipient address list by referencing said
14 stored reference list, each of said one or more a given recipient address addresses to be deleted
15 from among the plurality of recipient addresses contained in said recipient address list;
16 an addition module for adding, to said recipient address list by referencing said
17 stored reference list, each of said one or more [[a]] new recipient address addresses to be added
18 to said recipient address list; and
19 a module for providing said recipient address list, after operation of one or more
20 of said replacement module, said deletion module, and said addition module, to one or more
21 information senders that are distinct from said centralized server, thereby enabling said one or

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22 more information senders to automatically use said provided recipient address list for sending
23 information.
24 ~~reference list storage for storing a reference list containing said different recipient address~~
25 ~~to be replaced, said recipient address to be deleted, and said new recipient address to be added.~~

1 Claim 13 (currently amended): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said
2 reference list storage stores said reference list in response to [[the]] input of said reference list
3 after creation thereof on a created on another computer apparatus distinct from said centralized
4 server.

Claims 14 - 15 (canceled)

1 Claim 16 (currently amended): The computer apparatus according to Claim 12, wherein said
2 centralized server further comprising comprises an input module for obtaining said recipient
3 address list, prior to operation of said replacement module, said deletion module, and said
4 addition module, from stored on a computer apparatus other than said computer apparatus one of
5 said information senders.

Claims 17 - 19 (canceled)